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Sandra Wilkes, flagger, helps slow down traffic in Provo Canyon.

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## Survey Reveals Women's Job Concerns

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Results of a recent public opinion survey indicate that Salt Lake City working women have both good and bad reports on the local employment front.

The good news is that local women find no barriers to gaining employment. The bad news is that they do not feel they are receiving equal pay for the same job a man would hold.

The survey was conducted in

pay, female respondents frequently cited their reasons for working to include: personal gratification, self-esteem and self-support.

"More and more women are flooding the workplace. Not only for financial reasons, but to achieve professional goals we've established for ourselves," says Smith.

Related to this are women's responses to how they perceive their jobs. Over 69 per-

cent more than 61 percent were under the age of 35.

"Parents now realize that the economy and current lifestyles dictate that more women need to work outside the home to survive, so they are encouraging their daughters to enter career-oriented fields," says Smith.

If advancement and recognition are not up to par for working women in Salt Lake City, then why do they remain

work can be strenuous.

"Women have become very accepted in this business," said Becky Antonio, 22, of Springville. Mrs. Antonio has worked as a flagger for nearly a month.

"All of the flaggers working on this job are women except for one. We also have some female truck drivers, carpenters and laborers. They do a great job."

Nationally, women working in blue collar jobs enjoy a more equal pay scale with male workers. Other jobs do not rate so well.

Although there has been a 95% increase in the number of working women in the United States over the last two decades, the salary gap between the sexes has actually widened.

The difference in salaries between men and women is double what it was only a decade ago, according to the U.S. Department

Lake City women believe through education, hard work and talent or skill.

Respondents felt men succeed by reacting to opportunities, networking and education.

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